

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
HORIZON TELECOM, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC03-072

On April 23, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Horizon Telecom, Inc. (Horizon).

Horizon proposes to offer resold interexchange long distance service to residential and business customers. A proposed tariff was filed by Horizon. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 24, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 9, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 3, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered Horizon's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Horizon not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Horizon has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Horizon has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Horizon's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Horizon not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Horizon's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, effective June 23, 2003, subject to the condition that Horizon not offer a prepaid calling card or require or accept deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Horizon shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner